

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUBMARINES FOR NAVY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Navy is lagging behind in submarine capacity due to delay in manufacturing of scorpene submarine project;
- (b) if so, whether the decision was taken to procure six foreign submarines in view of requirements of Navy;
- (c) if so, the line by which it is likely to be procured;
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay in procurement; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard in view of strategic requirement of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The Indian Navy (IN) operates a balanced force in the Indian ocean region and beyond and towards that end, the present force levels are continuously augmented for undertaking the tasks defined for Indian Navy. Presently, under Project P-75, six Scorpene submarines of French design are being constructed at Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL), Mumbai under ToT from M/s DCNS, France. The delivery of these P-75 (Scorpene) submarines is scheduled tentatively from June 2015 to September 2018.